

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
“Growing together as children of God”
October 22, 2017

***Gathering Song:** “Joyful, joyful, we adore thee” #71 HWB

Musical Interlude

Welcome and Call to Worship – based on Psalm 23

Leader: The Lord is our Shepherd;

People: we shall not want.

Come to green pastures

where God restores our souls.

Come, everyone who suffers, all who fear death,

God will comfort us.

God is our host and anoints us with oil.

Our cups overflow.

Surely goodness and mercy are with us every day,

All: and God will welcome and provide for us forever.

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***Hymn:** “When all thy mercies, O my God” #72 HWB

Children’s Gathering Song: “Come and see” #20 HWB

Children’s Time: “Who gets chosen?” ~ Hermann Weinlick

Song: “He comes to us as one unknown” #498 HWB, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

Scripture reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Sermon: “What the Seer could not see”

Hymn: “Open my eyes” (insert)

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns (*It is a joy to welcome guests; this can be a time for guest introductions.*)

Congregational Prayer: “Pour Out Your Heart” p. 8 Hesla
and Lord’s Prayer

Our Father/Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours

now and forever. *AMEN*

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey Hesla: River of Gladness
**Please stand if you are able*

Offering and Offertory
Announcements

***Sung Benediction/Recessional:** “Anoint us, Lord” #631 HWB, vv. 1 & 3

Community Time

10:40: Fellowship time – Basement Fellowship Hall.

11:00: Christian Education for all ages. We continue with the adult faith forum series “My Neighbor is Muslim.” This week, Ry Siggelkow will speak in response to Samir Saikali’s presentation on the subject of “The Qur’an & Commandments” last week.

TODAY: God calls David (*1 Samuel 16:1-13*)

Worship Leader: Ry Siggelkow

Song Leader: Phil Stoltzfus

Ushers: Thaine Dirks, Shelly Hendricks

Nursery: Marcia Siggelkow, Karen Wiebe

Fellowship: Melissa Falb, Heather Wengerd

NEXT SUNDAY: Music Sunday

Worship Leader: Alisa Bardo-Martinson

Song Leader: Miriam Augsburg

Ushers: Shelly Hendricks, Stew Thornley

Nursery: Meg Troyer, Katie Cuffey

Fellowship: Dan Gerber, Laurie Kaufman

Oct 15: Attendance: 81 Offering – Local Budget: \$2,708
MCC: \$50

Thanksgivings:

Concerns:

A staffed nursery for toddlers and children up to age 5 is located in the education wing. Please ask an usher if you wish to be guided to the nursery.

Co-Pastors: Joetta Schlabach & Ry Siggelkow
Deacons: Dan Leisen, Heather Wenger,
Shawn Englund-Helmeke, Katie Cuffey,
Hermann Weinlick, Kristin Green

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FMC office hours: October 23-27

Ry: Tues, Thurs 10-3 **Joetta:** Tues, 9:30-1:00; Wed 10-2

Office Staff: Aimee Weigle: Mon.-Fri. 9:30-12:30

Email bulletin items by Wed afternoon. Bulletin printed Thurs morning.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for those who are planning and participating in the webinar on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., "Listen Closely: Facilitating good discussion," the second in our series of three free webinars offering practical tips for leading Bible study. Also pray for the Annual Meeting Task Group meeting Thursday.

Come pray for our church and community! Parent Resource Room, 9:10-9:25 a.m. each Sunday. Also, if you would like to have someone pray with you or discuss a matter of concern please look for persons with the purple "deacon" ribbon or the green "prayer" ribbon on their name tag. They are glad to meet with you.

Several print copies of the study guide *My Neighbor is Muslim* are available for \$2. Electronic copies can be downloaded at:
<http://www.lssmn.org/refugeeservices/study/>.

Church Meetings and Events (online calendar: www.faithmennonite.org)

Oct 24 – Sunday Text Discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Co-op

Oct 25 – Nov. Newsletter items due to Aimee by noon

Oct 25 – Youth Faith Formation, 6 p.m., Zabriskie home

Oct 26 – Men's Breakfast, 7 a.m., Curran's Restaurant, Mpls.

Oct 26 – Finance & Stewardship Committee, 1 p.m., Chapel

Oct 26 - Ecumenical Taize Prayer, PPUMC 6 p.m.-meal; 7 p.m. prayer

Nov 1 – Deacon Commission, 6:30 p.m., Englund-Helmeke home

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.'" ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." ⁷But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Leader: For the word of God in Scripture,
For the word of God within us,
For the word of God among us,
All: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

In September the congregation signed a letter to the Executive Board of Mennonite Church USA, requesting that Doug Basinger, a married, gay man be reinstated to a position on the denomination's Leadership Committee. His appointment was suspended after his marital status became public. **We were pleased to learn that the board voted to reinstate Doug at its September 28 meeting.** *(Announcements continued on back)*

Announcements (cont.)

Brown bag lunch with Madeline TODAY! Madeline Kreider Carlson will spend the noon hour with us, talking and showing photos of her work with MCC and Ten Thousand Villages in Haiti. Bring a sack lunch. Beverages provided.

The first Ecumenical Taize prayer service for this fall will be held on Thursday, Oct 26, at Prospect Park United Methodist Church, 22 SE Orlin Ave, Mpls. A simple potluck meal will begin at 6 p.m. and prayer will begin at 7. Taize prayer combines song, scripture readings and silence in a contemplative setting. All are welcome.

Transition in the church nursery: This fall marks four years that Danika Zabertini has been our nursery staff person, providing a consistent presence on Sunday mornings with our toddlers and preschoolers. It is with sadness, but deep gratitude, that we receive the news that **Danika is ready to move on to other activities on Sunday mornings.** She will complete her formal work at the end of October. A search is underway for her replacement. The job description is posted on our home page at www.faithmennonite.org.

Danika asked that we share this message with the entire church: *I have decided it's time for me to move on from coordinating the nursery at FMC. It's a time of transitions for me, and I have a few things I've long wanted to explore for myself on Sunday mornings. Including having the chance to actually hear a sermon at FMC! I will miss the sense of familiarity and care I get from this congregation. I have witnessed so much growth here over the last few years! I hope to continue to know, and get to know many of you. Also, I am very happy to provide occasional care for FMC families, so don't hesitate to seek me out as a sitter! - Danika*

You can still register for *Listen Closely: Facilitating good discussion*, a Bible study webinar provided for you from Central Plains Mennonite Conference on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Fill out the RSVP form on the Bible Study Webinars page at www.centralplainsmc.org by noon Tuesday.

Leading Worship with Energy and Grace, Saturday, Nov 4, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Our church will host this workshop led by Christopher Montgomery, pastor of the Sermon on the Mount Mennonite Church, Sioux Falls. For pastors, those who lead worship, children's-time, and singing, and all who enjoy worship, this workshop will explore the movements of worship and provide hands-on training for leading worship in any style or setting with grace and energy. For more information and to register, visit WorshipCrafting.com/sing. Note: the registration fee for FMCers will be covered through a barter arrangement with the presenter and by the Worship Commission; when registering indicate "payment by cash/check."